ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A predetermined processing operation and an address used to identify and call a next function are provided in each function for performing predetermined data processing. The functions are stored in memory. This enables data processing operations that involve a plurality of different functions to be edited and performed easily and quickly. For example, after image processing function A has been called, image processing function A executes its predetermined process, and subsequently calls image processing function C. Image processing function C executes its predetermined process, and subsequently returns to the former process.